I am delighted to announce the winners of this year's Performance Recognition Program:

Ron LeComte:

for his tireless efforts representing the interests of all Massachusetts electric consumers in local, regional, and national forums on some of the most critical issues facing the DTE. Promotion of a competitive electricity market, market transformation issues, transmission upgrades, and stray voltage and dislodged manhole cover incidents have all benefited from Ron's universally-recognized energy and skills.

Donna Marchant:

for her genuine commitment to helping consumers and special talent in dealing with some of the most difficult cases. In particular this past year, she noticed that a gas utility was billing consumers with broken meters based on "guesstimated" use. Her efforts resulted in a Department review of the company's practice and resulted in a significant refund to consumers.

Carol DeMato:

for her devotion to the job, her dependability, and willingness to help others to the very best of her ability. Carol's friendly and outgoing personality always makes the DTE a more pleasant place to work and her work ethic is a model that we should all strive to equal.

These are but three of many worthy employees here at the DTE who embody the spirit of public service. Please join me in thanking them for this well-deserved recognition.